# Title VI

Civil Rights Act of 1964

### What is Title VI

- It it a Federal Law!
  - -RACE
  - -COLOR
  - -NATIONAL ORIGIN

# DHS Compliance

• Any organization receiving Federal funding, MUST comply with Title VI.

• This includes all state DHS Offices and its CONTRACTORS.

# REQUIREMENT

• This is not a suggestion,
THIS IS A
REQUIREMENT!!!!!!

### CONTRACTS

#### • YOU SIGNED:

- You would comply with TITLE VI
- You would train staff annually
- You would train all new employees
- You would provide language assistance
- You would have a compliance officer
- You would provide a process on how to deal with Title VI complaints

#### *LEP*

### Limited English Proficiency

- individuals who do not Speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, speak, write or understand English
- These individuals are entitled to FREE language assistance (in your contract)

### **LEP**

- Proper Language Assistance
  - Translation of Documents
  - Contract Staff Interpreters
  - Contract Interpreters from within the community
  - Telephone Interpreters

# Other LEP Requirements

• Notice regarding the availability of interpreter services, AT NO COST, must be posted and available to all employees, applicants and clients

 Notice of the process for filing a complaint must also be posted

## How Does DHS Help

- DHS offices should contact contractors about yearly training.
- DHS has poster an brochures at local offices, that you can copy and modify to fit your organization.
- You can receive Language Line Assistance at the state rate, but not through DHS

# Compliance

 DHS and Family Assistance Monitors Compliance

• DHS will send out sample surveys for yearly implementation plan

# ANY QUESTIONS???

